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May 9, 1978

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

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Deputy to the DCI for Resource Management

SUBJECT:

Status of PRM-23

REFERENCE:

Note for the Director from D/DCI/RM

1. Action Requested: None. For your information only.

2. Background:

a. This memo responds to your request for the status of the PRM-23 Presidential Directive.

b. PRM-23, "A Coherent U.S. Space Policy", has been active since 28 March 1977 (see Attachment A for a detailed chronology). On about 1 April, 1978, the SecDef forwarded the draft Presidential Directive on this subject to the President (Attachment B). We understand that the cover letter set forth two major unresolved issues. We have not received this cover letter but we assume that it contains the language we forwarded to the SecDef's staff on the major unresolved issue of concern to the DCI--the policy relating to the support of military operational requirements (see Attachment C).

c. The National Security Advisor has since forwarded the draft P.D. to the President. We do not have specific information on his views on the two major issues raised in the SecDef's cover letter; however, we believe he supports the SecDef on the issue of support of military operational requirements. As far as we know, he has not raised additional issues. As of 4 May 1978 the President had not yet issued the P.D. We believe there is a good chance that it will be issued this month.

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d. Several PRM-23 follow-on actions--security, satellite survivability--are being delayed pending Presidential decision. If the P.D. is not issued within the next few weeks, you may wish to ask the President about the reason for the delay.

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Attachments

- A - PRM-23 Chronology
- B - Draft Presidential Directive
Reflecting the Outcome of PRM-23
- C - Memorandum for the Record

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